

**REMARKS**

The Examiner's recitation of 37 CFR § 1.77(b) has been noted with appreciation. The arrangement of the specification proposed in that section is indicated to be preferable but not mandatory. In light of that fact, a Preliminary Amendment was filed with the application papers in order to add section headings to the extent appropriate into the application text. It is not clear whether that Preliminary Amendment was entered. The Examiner's assistance in assuring that the Preliminary Amendment was properly entered would be greatly appreciated.

The Abstract of the disclosure originally submitted has been cancelled and a new Abstract in the form of a single paragraph has been presented.

The original claims have been cancelled and replaced with a new set of claims which "Americanize" the format, provide increased clarity and better antecedent basis. It is respectfully submitted that the new claims should not be subjected to any rejection based on 35 USC § 112.

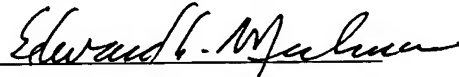
It is also respectfully submitted that the newly presented claims should also not be subjected to any rejection over either the Manuel or the German patent to Hopper referenced in the outstanding Office Action. Neither of these references teaches or suggests providing a guiding and sliding device in the form of a pair of rails

mounted on opposed edges of the inner panel of the vehicle door. At best, these references have only a single rail guide.

In light of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is now in condition to be allowed and the early issuance of a Notice of Allowance is respectfully solicited.

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